

Private First Class Katie M. Soenksen, USA (Davenport, IA, 19 years)

410th Military Police Company, 720th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade, Fort Hood, TX
Died 2 May 07, Baghdad, Iraq

PFC Soenksen died of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near her vehicle. She had graduated only two years prior from North High School, where she had been a leader in the ROTC program. She was strong willed and impulsive, marrying Spc Benjamin Rowella, 30 six days before her deployment and two weeks after they met.

Specialist Karen N. Clifton, USA (Lehigh Acres, FL,, 22 years)

554th Military Police Company, 95th Military Police Battalion, Kaiserslautern, Germany
Died 21 Jun 07, Baghdad, Iraq

SPC Clifton died of wounds suffered when her vehicle was hit by a rocket propelled grenade in northern Baghdad. She was a military police officer just a few weeks from completing her one year deployment. Clifton graduated from high school in 2003 and then signed up to serve five years in the army. She was an avid Indy car racing fan and loved to eat out.

Sergeant Trista L. Moretti, USA (South Plainfield, NJ, 27 years)

425th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, Fort Richardson, AK

Died 25 Jun 07, Nasir Lafitah, Iraq

SGT Moretti died when her unit was attacked by insurgents using indirect fire. She graduated high school in 1998, earning 9 varsity letters in field hockey, winter and spring track. She is survived by her parents.

Specialist Michelle R. Ring, USA (Martin, TN, 24 years)

92d Military Police Battalion, Fort Benning, GA

Died: 5 Jul 07, Baghdad, Iraq

SPC Ring died of wounds sustained from enemy mortar fire on her camp. She was the youngest of three sisters who joined the army to provide a better life for her children. Her goal was to become a military police officer and complete a college degree and eventually become a U.S. Marshall. Ring reenlisted just two weeks prior to her death. She was the mother of two boys, ages 7 and 5.

Captain Maria I. Ortiz, USA (Bayamon, PR, 40 years)

Kirk US Army Health Clinic, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD

Died: 10 Jul 07, Baghdad, Iraq

CPT Ortiz died of wounds suffered from enemy indirect fire in the green zone in Baghdad. She was the first Army nurse killed in combat since the Vietnam War. Ortiz began as an enlisted soldier in the Army and was commissioned as an officer in 1999. She was engaged to be married upon her return from Iraq.

Staff Sergeant Alicia A. Birchett, USA (Mashpee, MA, 29 years)

887th Engineer Company, 326th Engineer Battalion, 101st Sustainment Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, KY

Died: 8 Aug 07, Baghdad, Iraq

SSG Birchett died of injuries suffered from a non-combat related accident.

Sergeant Princess C. Samuels, USA (Mitchellville, MD, 22 years)

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX

Died: 15 Aug 07, Taji, Iraq

SGT Samuels died when the enemy attacked using indirect fire.